

CHAPTER XIII—Protests of Bills of Exchange.

171. Where a foreign bill appearing on its face to be such is dishonored by non-acceptance, it must be duly protested for non-acceptance, and where such a bill which has not previously been dishonored by non-acceptance is dishonored by non-payment, it must be duly protested for non-payment. If it is not so protested, the drawer and indorsers are discharged. Where a bill does not appear on its face to be a foreign bill, protest thereof in case of dishonor is unnecessary.

172. The protest must be annexed to the bill, or must contain a copy thereof, and must be under the hand and seal of the notary making it, and must specify :

1. The time and place of presentment ;
2. The fact that presentment was made and the manner thereof ;
3. The cause or reason for protesting the bill ;
4. The demand made and the answer given, if any, or the fact that the drawee or acceptor could not be found.

173. Protest may be made by :

1. A notary public ; or
2. By any respectable resident of the place where the bill is dishonored, in the presence of two or more credible witnesses.

174. When a bill is protested, such protest must be made on the day of its dishonor, unless delay is excused as herein provided. When a bill has been duly noted, the protest may be subsequently extended as to the date of the noting.

175. A bill must be protested at the place where it is dishonored, except that when a bill drawn payable at the place of business or residence of some person other than the drawee, has been dishonored by non-acceptance, it must be protested for non-payment at the place where it is expressed to be payable, and no further presentment for payment to, or demand on, the drawee is necessary.

176. A bill which has been protested for non-acceptance may be subsequently protested for non-payment.